

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Marchand et al.

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For: METHODS FOR PREPARING PERFLUORINATED [ 18 F ]-RADIOLABELLED  
NITROIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES FOR CELLULAR HYPOXIA DETECTIONSUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 7, 9, 21, 26 and 28-30 as follows:

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6. (Amended) A method according to claim 35, wherein said coupling is a classical peptide coupling using a derivative of 2-(2-nitro-imidazol-1-yl) acetic acid in which the OH group of the carboxyl function has been replaced by a good leaving group.

7. (Twice Amended) A method for the synthesis of a compound according to claim 31 or the corresponding non-labeled form thereof, comprising the steps of: